

State of South Dakota

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HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 1014

Introduced by: Representatives Peterson (Jim), Bradford, Davis, Frost, Garnos, Gillespie, Hackl, Hanson, Nesselhuf, Novstrup, Pederson (Gordon), Peterson (Bill), Rounds, Sebert, Sigdestad, Smidt, Solum, Valandra, and Van Norman and Senators Duenwald, Bogue, Brown, de Hueck, Dennert, Greenfield, Jaspers, Kloucek, Kooistra, Kurtenbach, Moore, Olson (Ed), Schoenbeck, Sutton (Duane), and Symens

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting the Congressional Delegation of the State of
2 South Dakota to continue their support for the passage of the Omnibus Energy Bill.

3 WHEREAS, the Omnibus Energy Bill will greatly benefit the State of South Dakota,
4 especially South Dakota's farmers and ranchers who are the number one economic contributors
5 to the state; and

6 WHEREAS, this bill mandates the use of ethanol and bio-based fuels. In 2004, South
7 Dakota is expected to produce over 340 million gallons of ethanol which will add 350 million
8 dollars to South Dakota's economy; and

9 WHEREAS, by boosting ethanol production to 5 billion gallons a year, farm income could
10 increase by more than 1 billion dollars a year and increased ethanol production could generate
11 another 1 billion dollars or more a year in rural areas. The ten ethanol plants in South Dakota
12 employ over 400 people and many of these plants are farmer-owned coops; and

13 WHEREAS, this bill expands the renewable production tax credit of 1.8 cents per Kwh to



1 include new wind facilities. These tax credits are provided to encourage installation of
2 residential wind energy production, which will greatly benefit the wind energy projects that are
3 developing in our state such as the recently dedicated 40-megawatt wind farm near Highmore,
4 South Dakota; and

5 WHEREAS, this bill grants tribes autonomy in developing energy resources, including
6 renewable energy on tribal land. It also provides grants and loan guarantees to assist tribes in
7 the energy production, conservation, and efficiency. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe recently
8 constructed a 750 Kw wind farm on their reservation bringing needed jobs and additional
9 income to the tribe; and

10 WHEREAS, this bill reauthorizes the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program
11 (LIHEAP) and increases funding to 3.4 billion dollars through 2006. Last year, the LIHEAP
12 program provided assistance to more than 15,000 needy families in South Dakota; and

13 WHEREAS, it is especially important to ensure the passage of an effective energy bill. The
14 people of South Dakota, indeed of the United States, have been waiting for a national energy
15 policy that encourages economic development by providing affordable and reliable energy
16 across the country and in South Dakota specifically:

17 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the House of Representatives of the Seventy-
18 ninth Legislature of the State of South Dakota, the Senate concurring therein, that the South
19 Dakota Legislature requests our Congressional Delegation to facilitate the passage of the
20 Omnibus Energy Bill.